

REMARKS

In order to comply with the multiple dependent claim format rules of 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) and in the interest of reducing initial additional claim filing fees, claims 3, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the application.

Support for the claim amendments can be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification. No new matter has been introduced into the application by the instant amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter amended in the claims by the instant amendments in this or subsequent application(s).

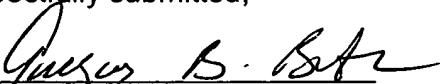
Early consideration of the application and claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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